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Attorney Docket No. 041465-5117

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Nobuo HAINO et al.)
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Application No.: 09/929,109)
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Filed: August 15, 2001)
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION)
RECORDING METHOD AND)
INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM)
IN WHICH RECORDING CONTROLLING)
PROGRAM IS RECORDED)

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. As for relevance, an English-language abstract is provided for each non-English reference. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.


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Respectfully submitted,

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